

16B are shown coupled to second part 12B. U-shaped support legs 16B function similar to support legs 16A wherein these support legs are also held in place by support strips 22, 24, 26, and 28.

The elevation of the second end of racks 12A and 12B can be set by setting support legs 16A and 16B within one of three different support strips or tabs 22, 24, 26 and 28 designed to receive legs 16A and 16B. These support tabs extend parallel across the catch basin 20 so that the legs 16A and 16B can rest against each support strip to position the second end of multi-part rack 12 at varying heights. The legs 16A and 16B are pushed against each support tab by a gravitational force exerted by rack 12A or 12B. In addition, if there are any plates, or pots placed on racks 12A or 12B, these items also exert an additional gravitational force on legs 16A and 16B to further set legs 16A and 16B against one of support strips or tabs 22, 24, 26 or 28.

By elevating the second end of racks 12A and 12B this narrows the distance between rack 12 and rack 14 so that different sized plates or pots can fit snugly between parallel extending strips 11 and 13 on both rack 12 and rack 14. In addition, disposed adjacent to rack 12 and rack 14, is a tray 30 designed to support kitchen utensils and silverware (not shown) in an upright position.

Both the tray 30, racks 12A and 12B, rack 14 and legs 16A and 16B can be folded down so that the device 10 can be collapsed into a substantially flat position. Once folded down, racks 12 and 14 can be held in place using a catch block 50 which snaps over a top end of rack 14 when it is folded down. When device 10 is in its substantially flat position, catch basin 20 can be folded up to be free standing upright on legs 21 of catch basin 20. In this way, once device 10 has been fully collapsed, and turned on its end, device 10 only takes up a minimal amount of counter space.

As shown in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/568,915 catch basin 20 can be folded up in a substantially vertical manner wherein the entire device can be positioned in an upright manner so that it can stand freely on a flat surface. The components of device 10 are positioned within catch basin 20 so that when racks 12, 14, and tray 30 are collapsed for storage it forms a balanced device that can be supported upright by legs 21 on catch basin 20.

FIG. 4 shows the utensil rack 30 in an exploded view. Utensil rack 30 contains a top tray 31, a bottom tray 32 and an intermediate removable drainage tray 33. Drainage tray 33 fits snugly inside of bottom tray 32 and is removable therefrom. Drainage tray 33 also has a tab 34 which allows a user to easily remove drainage tray 33 from bottom tray 32. In addition drainage tray 33 is formed in a mesh type pattern wherein this tray has a plurality of holes allowing water or other materials to flow out. In addition drainage tray 33 has dividers 37 and 38 which divide drainage tray 33 into different compartments to correspond with holes in top tray 31 for receiving utensils. Utensil rack 30 also contains a plurality of legs 35 and 36 which attach top tray 31 to bottom tray 32.

FIG. 5 shows a perspective view of the previous embodiment of the invention shown in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/757,216 incorporated herein by reference. This device 110 contains a catch basin 120 and also a first rack

112 and a second rack 114. With this design these racks are not multi-part racks as in the present invention and the racks 112 and 114 contain a plurality of rods 111 and 113 respectively rather than a plurality of slats. Thus rods 111 and 113 and slats 11 and 13 or any other appropriately shaped elements are elongated support elements for supporting plates, dishes pots or pans above a basin or any other type surface.

Accordingly, while several embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it is to be understood that many changes and modifications may be made thereunto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for supporting objects for drying comprising:
  - a) a catch basin;
  - b) at least one multi-part rack having a plurality of racks wherein each of said plurality of racks has a front end and a back end and wherein each of said back ends is attached to said catch basin;
  - c) a complementary rack rotatably attached to said catch basin, said complementary rack and said at least one multi-part rack are for supporting the objects wherein said multi-part rack and said complementary rack each comprise a series of substantially parallel extending slats wherein said substantially parallel extending slats are spaced apart a sufficient distance to receive a plate therebetween;
  - d) a plurality of adjustable legs rotatably attached to at least one part of said multi-part rack, wherein said plurality of legs are for rotatably adjusting a height of said front end of said multi-part rack; and
  - e) a catch block adapted to receive a front end of said complementary rack to lock said complementary rack on top of said multi-part rack and into a collapsed position so that the device can be folded upright on a counter top.
2. The device as in claim 1, further comprising a series of support strips disposed within said catch basin wherein said support strips are designed to support said plurality of legs in a position to keep said plurality of legs from rotating when said plurality of legs are supporting said multi-part rack.
3. The device as in claim 1, wherein said catch basin contains a plurality of substantially vertical walls to enclose said catch basin.
4. The device as in claim 1, further comprising an adjustable tray attached to said catch basin for supporting a series of utensils.
5. The device as in claim 4, wherein said adjustable tray is adjustable so as to fold down into said catch basin.
6. The device as in claim 4, wherein said adjustable tray comprises a top tray, a bottom tray, an intermediate removable tray and a plurality of legs wherein said bottom tray is coupled to said catch basin, said top tray is coupled to said bottom tray via said legs and said intermediate removable tray fits inside said bottom tray.
7. The device as in claim 6, wherein said intermediate removable tray includes a plurality of holes to allow said intermediate removable tray to drain water when removed from said bottom tray.
8. The device as in claim 7, wherein said intermediate removable tray further comprises a tab for allowing a user to remove said intermediate removable tray from said bottom tray.

9. The device as in claim 1, wherein said multi-part rack, said complementary rack, and said plurality of legs are adjustable to collapse into said catch basin.

10. The device as in claim 1, wherein said catch basin contains at least one relief hole disposed within said catch basin designed to allow water to be drained out of said catch basin. 5

11. A device for supporting objects for drying comprising:

- a) a basin;
- b) at least one multi-part rack having a plurality of racks wherein each rack has a front end and a back end wherein each of said back ends is attached to said basin;
- c) a complementary rack rotatably attached to said basin 15  
said complementary rack and said at least one multi-part rack are for supporting the objects wherein said

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multi-part rack and said complementary rack each comprise a plurality of elongated support elements which are spaced apart from each other a sufficient distance to receive a plate therebetween;

- d) a plurality of adjustable legs rotatably attached to at least one part of said multi-part rack, wherein said plurality of legs are for rotatably adjusting a height of said front end of said multi-part rack; and
- e) a catch block adapted to receive a front end of said complementary rack to lock said complementary rack on top of said multi-part rack and into a collapsed position so that the device can be folded upright on a counter top.

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